THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) FICCI has informed that they have constituted a "Look South Forum" for promotion of Tourism in South India.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) FICCI is supplementing the efforts of the Government for promotion and Development of Tourism in India.

(d) FICCI in their Conference held at Cochin on 3rd and 4th April, 2001 formulated strategy for development and promotion of tourism in Southern States.

(e) Implementation of the strategy is an on going process.

Permission to conduct sound and light show at Thousand Pillared Temple, Warangal

3330. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government have approached the Union Government for permission to conduct a sound and light show at the Thousand Pillared Temple in Warangal;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that Archaeological Survey of India has given in principle permission to Andhra Pradesh Tourism Corporation Ltd., for the purpose;

(c) when the temple is again expected to be inspected by the A.S.I, as the matter has already been sufficiently delayed; and

(d) when necessary permission is expected to be given to start the show at the temple?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Recent inspection of the monument revealed that some of the portions of the temple complex io in dilapidated condition and requires intricate structural repairs which is the immediate priority of the Archaeological Survey of India.